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Louis Untermeyer To Lecture April 12

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 20TH

The annual Christmas Assembly will be held on December 20th. Several selections will be presented, each lending to the holiday atmosphere of the season. The program will be as follows:

- I. Song—"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"
Entire student body
- II. Christmas Story—
John Murphy
- III. Carol Service—
Music—Freshmen elective class
Lighting—Stage Design Elective
The Manger—Correlated Activity Class—Soph. I.
The Christmas Chreche
- IV. Reading—"Christmas Carol"—Dickens

Mrs. Kidder

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

FIRST MEETING OF GAV. DANCE CLASS

Under the direction of George T. Joseph, the first lesson of the Gaveleer Dancing Class for Beginners was held yesterday afternoon in Mr. Conlon's room.

The class is open to all beginners of the entire student body. The fundamental steps of the fox trot and waltz are being taught by Mr. Joseph who is being assisted by Ellen Dormin, Dorothy Hackett, Norma Hadd, John Mitchell, and Aubrey Hastings. Miss Bolger is the Faculty Advisor.

Lessons will be given every Thursday afternoon from four to five-thirty and will continue for the next seven to ten weeks ac-

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LECTURER



Louis Untermeyer

STICK EXCHANGED WITH 30 COLLEGES

Did you realize that THE STICK is sent to 30 other colleges? Yes, and we hope to build up our exchange department this year so that we will be receiving exchanges from 25 or 30 different colleges.

Our present exchanges are: "The Tech" from Mass. Inst. of Tech; "School Publication" from Buffalo Teachers College; "School Publication" from Oswego State Normal School; "Becker Budget" from Becker Business College; "Clark News" from Clark University; "M. I. T. Voodoo"; "Massachusetts Collegian" from Massachusetts State College; "The Log" from Salem Teachers College; and "Boston University News".

GAVS. AND HAWKS TO SPONSOR VISIT

Louis Untermeyer, poet, critic, essayist, and anthologist will lecture at the College on Wednesday, April 12, under the auspices of the Mohawk Club and Gaveleer Society, according to an announcement made recently by Edward O'Sheasey, president of the Mohawks.

Untermeyer, whom Amy Lowell called "The most versatile genius of this period in America", has lectured in many of the prominent colleges and universities and only last year was invited to deliver at Amherst College the Henry Ward Beecher lectures. As an anthologist, Untermeyer is universally known, as his anthologies have been adopted by high schools and universities throughout the country. When the Encyclopedia Britannica was revised, Untermeyer was invited to write the articles on modern American poetry. In all, he is the author and compiler of more than fifty volumes.

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COMMITTEE NAMED FOR MEN'S BANQUET

John Gearan, Co-op Council chairman for the Men's Banquet has announced the following committee appointments: Seniors, Joseph Daniels, James Baker; Juniors, Walter Vorse, Stanley English; Sophomores, James Sullivan, Edward Driscoll; Freshmen William Foye and Frank Murphy.

The Banquet is scheduled for January 25.



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PROGRESSIVE GAVELEERS

For the past two years, there has been a popular demand for the establishment of a dancing class. Quite often we have heard students utter the phrase, "if I could only dance". At last the opportunity to learn how to dance is an actuality. Under the sponsorship of the Gaveleer Society, a dancing class for beginners has been established with George T. Joseph as its director.

Classes are being held in Mr. Conlon's room every Thursday afternoon from four to five-thirty. If you don't know how to dance, here's your chance to learn. Join the class and learn the fundamentals of the fox trot and waltz in order that you enjoy the school dances which are the highlights of the social calendar. Remember that the classes are strictly private; only beginners are allowed to attend.

THE ASH TRAY

Louise Delan

AFTER ALL—

Did you ever stop to think what a great part the sex of the speaker plays in the meaning which certain terms convey to our senses?

If a girl should use the term "boy-friend" in referring to a gentleman of her acquaintance, we would promptly draw the conclusion that she was "going steady" with him—. The term, in this instance, becoming nearly synonymous with "fiance". But let us assume that it is a boy who refers to a friend of his by the same appellation. Need I point out that here no such inference as that previously stated can be drawn? It is readily apparent that the variation of meaning rests on whether or not the speaker be male or female.

This same logic is equally applicable to the phrase "girl-friend," and many similar terms too numerous to mention. The situation is the result of the adoption, by people supposedly educated, of phrases and their meanings formerly considered crude, and permissible for use only by the gum-chewing variety of girl, and the boy with the orange ties.

It's a small matter, isn't it? But just try to coin a phrase as pithy as the above that a girl may use to describe a boy whom, were it a girl in the same situation, she would refer to as "girl-friend." You try it—I have. I'll wager that you meet some difficulties—or give up by describing him as "a boy-who-is-a-friend-of-mine!"

Boys will be boys and so far as that is concerned, some of the girls try to act that way too.

SCHEDULE

Week of December 16

Monday

- 12:35 P.M.—Intra-mural board meeting.
- 3:00 P.M.—Basketball practice. (gym)
- 3:00 P.M.—Council meeting.

Tuesday

- 11:00 A.M.—Assembly.
- 4:00 P.M.—Basketball practice. (B. F. Brown)
- 4:00 P.M.—Girls basketball. (gym)

Wednesday

- 4:00 P.M.—Basketball practice. (gym)
- 4:00 P.M.—Girl's bowling.

Thursday

- Christmas vacation begins at noon.

TO THE EDITOR OF OF THE STICK

The Dictionary defines News as "A report of a recent event; information about a thing before unknown". Can you conscientiously issue your literary endeavor and call it a "newspaper"? Honestly sometimes you have articles in your publication that are as old and stale as last week's bread. For instance, a group of students, representing the school, attended a conference in Boston on November 23, on a matter of interest to the entire student body, yet you had no mention in your paper of this representative action until the issue of December 9.

Obviously something is wrong. Editor, and I believe it is your job to discover this difficult factor, you are doing a fine job and the literary quality of the paper has shown definite improvement under your management.

An Interested Student.

It is true that there isn't so much to see in a small town but it's a lot easier to see it.

GRANVILLE HICKS AT COMMUNITY FORUM

Granville Hicks, professed Communist adherent, was the speaker at the Community Forum held in the B. F. Brown Auditorium, Sunday, December 11. using as his subject "Can We Save Democracy?" Hicks, in an address not tinted by radicalism, proclaimed that he was a staunch defender of Democracy as long as it fulfilled its purpose and was not allowed to degenerate into something fatal to the masses.

The economic system in this country, was the target of the abuses hurled by Hicks. He stated that Democracy can survive only if the economic system is functioning, but with the fall of that, the grave of Democracy may be dug. Economic functioning in this country is dependent upon expansion but as conditions inside and outside the borders of the country are at present, expansion is a thing of the past.

The three apparent steps in the growth of any government, as conceived by Hicks, were then advanced. Germany and Italy were cited as examples of governments in the last stage of development while France was named as an example of one in the middle stage. Obviously, the three stages are Monarchy, Democracy, then Fasism—or Communism.

Hicks cautioned against judging the Communist by the U. S. S. R. standards and activities. He explained that the particular political and economic philosophy under consideration would naturally be forced to assume different forms in order to cope with various situations.

A short question period followed the address and much interest was evidenced in Hicks' vital topic.

Those who talk all day must work all night.

MOHAWK PRESIDENT



Ed. O'Sheasey

UTERMAYER

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With Sandburg and Frost as the previous choices of the Clubs, the Mohawk-Gaveleer lecturer this will probably prove to be the most popular of all, as Untermeyer's humor and spontaneity, together with the brilliance of this remarks, delights audiences wherever he speaks.

The Teachers College at Framingham and Bridgewater, through the very genial cooperation of Presidents O'Connor and Kelly, have engaged Mr. Untermeyer to lecture on the same tour.

COMMUTING WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Commuting Women's Executive Board is in the midst of planning the annual Christmas luncheon which will be held Wednesday Dec. 21st in the girls' lunchroom. The activities will consist of a light lunch, entertainment, and the bringing of small gifts for the needy children of the city. The program will close with the singing of Christmas carols.

FRESHMEN LIST

—Continued from last week

Beulah Howard—Academy Hill, Westminster. Graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1938. Dramatic Club, History Club, Reader's Guild.

Bertha Yando—42 Belmont Street, Fitchburg. Graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1938. Debating, History, and Dramatic Club.

Ledor Skorko—Westminster. Graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1938. Dramatic Club, History Club.

Helen J. Rice—21 Mechanic Street, Fitchburg. Graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1938. Basketball, Dramatic Club, Orchestra.

Norma Hadd—Whiting Street, Lunenburg. Graduated from Lunenburg High School in 1938. Co-captain of Basketball.

Dorothy Dudley—Bridge Street, Baldwinville. Graduated from Templeton High School in 1938. Attended Girls' High School Boston.

Dorothy Conroy—5 Morris Street, Fitchburg. Graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1938. "Red and Gray" staff-Glee, Dramatic, and History Clubs.

Dorothy Dahlquist—11 Park Villa Avenue, Worcester. Graduated from North High School in 1938. Camera Club, Member of Girls' Rowing Crew.

Ruby Evans—Holden Road, Shirley. Graduated from Ayer High School in 1938. Member of "Ayerian" staff.

Virginia Bialas—93 Helton Street, Chicopee Falls. Graduated from Chicopee High School in 1938.

Winona Richards—Lunenburg. Graduated from Lunenburg High School in 1938. Dramatic Club, Hockey team.

Richard Allen—Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg. Graduated from Lunenburg High School in 1937. P. G. course at Fitchburg High. Dramatic and Glee Clubs.

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THE SCHOOL WITHOUT A TEACHER

"And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. And God said, let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth." The Bible tells us of God's plentiful stocking of the oceans, lakes, and rivers with fish; and the forests and fields with birds. These were created not only for man's pleasures, but also as a means of livelihood for man. Today, the rapid extinction of game and freshwater fish has led the world to look to the fathomed seas for the greater part of its fish supply.

The fish of the sea are indeed unfortunate, from the huge spouting whales to the yellow-bellied tomcods. From the days of Adam to the present, man has taken, sometimes wastefully, from the seemingly infinite brood of the briny deep. The larger inhabitants of the sea scan the devil-tailed sea bottom for the nourishing smaller fish, while sea-going birds make short work of the unfortunates that may come to



the surface. There they remain in constant fear of the fisherman's net and line, in everlasting dread of the gull's spear-like beak, and in continual terror from their hungry superiors.

One dreary, early July morning, when the sun was trying to peep through the thick blanketing clouds, I witnessed a sight that I shall never forget. In a small rowboat I set out for a day's

mackerel fishing, the threatening weather having no discouraging effects. While rowing a mile or two from shore, my attention was distracted from my trailing troll line by the piercing cries of mackerel gulls—a good sign. Making a great distance with each stroke of the oars, I rapidly drew near to the spot which was the scene of a great drama. Intermittent glances over my shoulder revealed a tenfoot rippling circle breaking the ocean's calmness. Sleek gulls, numbering into the eighties, were making dive upon dive into the troubled area. I drew to within several feet of the spot; I stopped—there, there in that large circle were more sperling (a specie of the herring family) than I had ever believed possible; without exaggeration, the phalanx composed of these tiny fish was from three to four feet thick. The dart-like gulls, conscious of my presence, many with their beaks full, took to wing, but the turmoil still continued. First to the left, then to the right, the entire school wove very slowly and awkwardly, seeming to follow whichever of their school seemed to have courage. "Of course," thought I, "they must be chased by a hungry school of mackerel." And so it was, the mackerel had chased the school of sperling. The frightened inferiors followed one of their momentary leaders to the surface—from the proverbial frying pan into the fire—for there were the gulls. Now they were trapped. Fearing the depths, they were obliged to remain where they were until the mackerel had plundered to the capacity of their gizzards. In a flash, the rippling stopped, all was still except for the remaining silvery scales that glittered like so many gems. "The tiny creatures will be safe for a while," thought I, as I took to my oars.

THE TRAINING SCHOOLS "SEEN AND HEARD"

The test of a good secondary school paper lies not in its outward perfection, but in the number of pupils who participate in it, and the degree of responsibility which they hold. A Teacher-planned, teacher-edited, teacher-dictated publication is worth the current quotation on scrap to the pupils.

In "Seen and Heard", the quarterly of our Junior High School, about one fourth of the school is represented in the staff and signatures to articles; every pupil is mentioned directly or indirectly. Pupils named the paper; pupils plan the content, write, edit, draw the illustrations, and take charge of the circulation.

This nine-page mimeographed paper has a delightful vigor in the general tone of those things which must be much the same in all papers. In addition, there are a number of features that anybody's high school could be proud of.

In this class I would put the fashion review, which dares to interpret current local trends without aping newspapers and magazines; "Never Alone", a bit of philosophic introspection worthy of a Du Maurier; an interpretation of the Junior High straw vote on state candidates in the light of the actual election; and a well related incident from the life of Father Hubbard.

"Seen and Heard" replaces the former publication of the Junior High, "The Bark"

MR. MACLEAN SPEAKS

Last Monday, Dec. 5, Mr. MacLean, of the Practical Arts department, spoke to the Art Club on "Sketching". His lecture gave many helpful hints, especially on charcoal sketching. He emphasized that talent was not needed in order for one to derive much pleasure from such work.

BASKETBALL LECTURE

Lil Scozik, basketball coach, and Eileen Connelly, vice-president of the W. A. A., with Miss Bolger and Miss Stafford attended a basketball lecture-demonstration at Radcliffe College, Thursday, Dec. 1.

Physical Education Instructor of Watertown High School, Miss Sally Beale, with eight girls of Watertown Alumni demonstrated basketball techniques and points on refereeing.

The Fitchburgers then interestedly witnessed a basketball game between the Radcliffe Girls and The Antiques—a team composed of teachers of Physical Education of Greater Boston.

After the demonstration the Teachers College representatives met Miss Cogan, who was guest speaker at the W. A. A. Banquet last year.

BOWLING SEASON GETS UNDERWAY

Coach Scully has announced that bowling season is certainly underway with the scores of more than 40 girls ranging from 43 to 102. The average score for the first week was 70, for the second 76. High scorers were: Scully 102, Disken 90, Loughton 89, Connelly and Fran McCarthy 86, Whitcomb and E. McCarthy 84, McIntire and Day 82.

As the average scores are increasing weekly Scully hopes to start the inter-color and class games after a few more practices.

DANCE CLASS

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cording to the progress of the pupils. These lessons are strictly private—only beginners will be allowed to attend the class.

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FLORIST



Anna and The Girls

W. A. A. MEETING

At the W. A. A. meeting, Tuesday, the members elected Madelyn Howe as the freshman representative to the board, heard a basketball and bowling report, and learned Fran McCarthy's plans for the coming winter sports day program.

Lil Scozik gave a report on basketball congratulating the girls on their interest and attendance in this sport and announcing the approximate date of the inter-color games.

Anna Clifford, reported on the bowling scores of the girls and Scully's plans to organize teams soon.

President Clifford as the "man on the street" introduced the following girls who, dressed in sports outfits, represented the activities of the winter sports day: Eileen Connelly, Toboganing; Punky O'Connor, Bus Ride; Ruby Evan, Skating; Ruth Hughes, Eating; Nell Meskinis, Skiing; Helvi Winturii, Mt. Climbing; Snow Shoeing, Fran McCarthy; Snow Fight, Connie Day.

BASKETBALL—W. A. A.

Coach Scozik now has the girl's basketball under way, holding alternate practices for the Freshmen and Seniors and the Sophomores and Juniors, each Tuesday and Thursday. The large turnout for his popular sport has brought much enthusiasm and keen competition. Freshman interest is running high as is evidenced by the fact that their attendance is the highest of all classes.

FRESHMEN P. A. VISITS SOUTHBRIDGE

The first visit of the Freshmen Practical Arts men to industry took place last Thursday, December 1, when they visited the Southbridge plant of the American Optical Co. Accompanied by Mr. Hammond, the men spent a profitable afternoon in the company of specially-appointed guides who furnished much valuable information on the making of eyeglasses, optical instruments and precision lenses.

Although they got off to a late start from Fitchburg, the group managed to visit two of the leading Southbridge schools in Industrial Education. The first of these was the General Vocational Department of the Southbridge High School, which this year changed from an Industrial Arts Curriculum to one of General Vocational nature. The other school visited was the Cole Trade School, a school having some unique features among the trade schools of Massachusetts.

The trip had the advantage of serving a double purpose, giving an insight not only to industrial processes and methods, but also into the type of setup many cities have in Industrial Education.

ATTORNEY PAUL GEARAN SPEAKS TO MOHAWKS

Attorney Paul Gearan suggested reasons for belief in natures of higher development than the human in a talk before members of the Mohawk Club and their guests Monday night.

Comparing our knowledge of matter, plant life, animal life and human nature to the first four volumes of a great book, and pointing out the increased marvel of each field over the previous, Mr. Gearan indicated not only the possibility of the existence of a pure spirit, but also of higher realms of which we cannot now conceive.

Campus Chatter

John Murphy, the son of Mrs. Murphy, famous for her chowder, initiated a personal service bureau last Tuesday by taking on the chore of minding the Weston baby. Shore an' top o' the mornin' to yah, Jahn, an' the rest of the day to ya' pairsonal service bureau.

We don't really think Devikes the wolf his pals call him.

Student opinion brought about the letting down of Anna Clifford's hair, but has not yet scored against Downs' misplaced eyebrow.

Students might be interested in attending the Fitchburg Community Forum at the B. F. Brown School, Sundays. You can take your girl in free, boys. And it will be worth your while.

Another thing, we had a beautiful program of music at Christ Church the other Sunday.

"What will your father say when he knows we're engaged?"
"He'll be delighted! He always is."

Why do they always serve five times more spaghetti than anybody wants.

Sonja Henie

A group of F. T. C. girls will leave today at 3 o'clock to see Sonja Henie and 80 exhibition skaters at the Boston Garden tonight. Miss Henie arrived in Boston this week after a personal appearance at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

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DORM PARTY

An old tradition of Palmer and Miller Hall will be revived next Tuesday, December 20th, in the form of an "Old English Banquet." This custom although omitted last year has been carried on for several preceding years. Those chosen to take part are: King—Joseph Daniels; Queen—Charlotte Hanson; Presidents of Palmer and Miller Halls; Pages—Virginia Sullivan, Frances Merritt; Cook—Virginia Hamilton; Woodsman—Harry O'Connell; Sarge Stanley; Reader—Thornton; Pettee; Jester—Alice Algeo.

This formal banquet, followed by dancing, will be the Christmas festival for Miller and Palmer Halls.

MR. GALLAGHER TO HAVE NEW OFFICE

The small room just off the corridor on the lower floor of the administration building which is now vacant due to the removal of lockers is to become an office for Mr. Gallagher. It is hoped that the room which he now occupies may be made into a locker and shower room for the men students.

NOTICE

If you are interested in subscribing or renewing subscriptions to the Industrial Arts and Vocational Education magazine, see Edward Donnelly or Ray Boyce before January 6, 1939.

How about a literary contribution for the Literary Supplement? If you have not thought about it, you are still invited. Send it in before Christmas, Box 493.

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INTRA-MURAL BASKETBALL

Last Friday, Intra-Mural basketball got under way as the Sophomore B team defeated the Junior A team 39-14. The first half was closely contested but the Wennerberg, Stanley combination began to click and in the second half the Sophomores steadily drew away. Wennerberg and Stanley starred for the winners, while Lukkola and Gearin were best for the losers.

Freshmen A forfeited a 2 to 0 victory to the Junior A team and Freshmen B forfeited to Sophomore A.

Wednesday the league resumed play as the Sophomore B team drubbed the Freshmen C team 18-5. The Freshmen team was unable to score in the first quarter and seemed at loss to locate the basket when they did work the ball in. Hansen and Pearson were high scorers for the Sophomores.

In the second game the Junior B team, the champs of last year, took up where they left off and while setting up an impenetrable defense rolled up 28 points to win 28-8. The Juniors had a five-man offense at all times, with English as high scorer. For the Seniors, Guilfoil and O'Sheasy were the individual stars.

STANDINGS TO DATE.

Team	W	L	Pts.	%
Soph. A	2*	0	41-14	100
Junior B	1	0	28-8	100
Soph. B.	1	0	18-5	100
Junior A	1*	1	16-39	50
Senior	0	1	8-28	000
Fresh. C	0	1	5-18	000
Fresh. A	0	1*	0-2	000
Fresh. B	0	1*	0-2	000

*Forfeit

English, J. B 10

Hansen, S. B 8

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